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**The World Needs
a Team That Never
Backs Down.**

Hepatitis has infected 9% of Burkina Faso's population. Harita-san, who lost a teacher to the disease, reminds us that it also affects people in Japan. Photo: June 1, 2024, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso

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Special Interview

In an increasingly uncertain world, how should we plan for the future?

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Hiroaki Miyata

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Back in 2015, Professor Hiroaki Miyata and Peace Winds CEO Kensuke Onishi found themselves seated together at the “Health Care 2035” conference organized by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. Amid free flowing and energetic discussions, something clicked between Miyata and Onishi, both of whom aim, in their own ways, to bring about real changes in society. Prof. Miyata seeks to exploit the potential of data science, while Onishi operates in the NGO sector. In an era where we find ourselves facing all manner of challenges ranging from natural disasters to climate change and geopolitical tensions, how do Miyata and Onishi see the future?

Generative AI is reshaping education

Onishi I owe a debt of gratitude to Prof. Miyata. When we first met ten years ago at the “Health Care 2035” conference, I felt like the odd one out in a group that was almost entirely made up of medical professionals. But no matter what whacky suggestion I came up with, he always paid close attention and understood what I was trying to say. He helped me to feel comfortable, and he’s also taught me a lot.

Miyata It was my pleasure! Ever since I first met him, I’ve had a lot of respect for Onishi-san. I’m currently busy setting up a new university in Hida Takayama, as well as helping with the Osaka Expo production, but I often find his words resonating. In particular, his relocation of the Peace Winds headquarters to the rural town of Jinsekikogen in Hiroshima prefecture has taught me a lot about “ways to build the future”.

Onishi The new university has a strong focus on the liberal arts, right?

Miyata That’s correct. **The arrival of generative AI has fundamentally reshaped education itself, as well as how to leverage one’s abilities in society.** Until now, the focus of education has been to drill youngsters with knowledge and skills that can then be put to use in society. But Google has diluted the value of knowledge itself, and generative AI is tearing up the rulebook entirely. AI can train itself to expert level in an instant, leaving the current model of an educated elite that shapes society redundant. In the society of the future, using acquired knowledge to respond to preordained questions will no longer be necessary. Instead, **the challenge will be to raise the right questions.** I see parallels with Onishi-san’s hands-on approach to finding solutions to societal challenges. That’s why I think that **the liberal arts are crucial to learning how to engage with issues within society, namely how to raise the right questions.**

About the “Health Care 2035” Advisory Committee Meeting...

Hosted by Japan’s Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the meeting was convened eight times in 2015, chaired by Kenji Shibuya, a current board member of Peace Winds Japan. The group consisted of 14 members, including Prof. Miyata and Kensuke Onishi, and four advisors. They discussed a range of topics including the promotion of good public health, sustainability of healthcare systems, and international initiatives to produce a vision for healthcare policy in 2035. Their discussions were summarized in a list of recommendations.

Onishi In the past, there was less of a distinction drawn between art, religion, and science, which were all considered the liberal arts.

Miyata It's becoming more and more important to have a broad grounding in the liberal arts in combination with specialization in certain modules. Currently, university education is fragmented, with experts teaching only within their very narrow fields of research. This results in an inability to see the bigger picture, and I think that is something that needs to be addressed.

Onishi That makes sense. Your concept of dispersing the university between several sites is also intriguing.

Miyata The planned university will have its main campus in Hida city in Gifu prefecture, with secondary sites in Sapporo, Sendai, Nakanoto [Ishikawa prefecture], Kyoto, Tottori, Fukuoka, and so on. This will allow us to address regional issues up and down the country. **We're now in an era where we can live, work, and study whilst moving from location to location.**

A vision for leveraging the private sector in both ordinary and extraordinary times

Miyata One thing I particularly respect about Onishi-san is **his policy of exploiting the private sector to get things where and when they are needed** in situations where relying solely on the public sector would be insufficient. During the pandemic, I cooperated with the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare in the role of an external researcher. There were times when I disagreed with their approach. As infections spread, there was criticism of the lack of testing capacity. However, I suggested that rather than spending astronomical sums of money on developing a testing system, it would be better to utilise the big data captured by the likes of Google and LINE to build an overall picture of infections – a suggestion that the government adopted. From a cost perspective, it isn't feasible for the public sector to prepare for every possible emergency. **What we need is for the public and private sectors to work together to develop a framework for cooperation in times of emergency.**



Onishi At “Health Care 2035”, an epidemiology expert predicted that “sooner or later, there will be a worldwide pandemic”. After hearing that, we rented a warehouse in Saga where we stored enough N95 masks and PPE for 50,000 to 60,000 people. That was four years before COVID-19 came onto the scene. Thanks to this preparation, when infections started to spread we were able to go straight into care home facilities and hospitals, and help bring 35 cluster events under control. Although N95 masks and gowns were in short supply, we distributed them free of charge. Ultimately, we supported over 6,000 medical and social welfare facilities over the course of two years.

Miyata That's pretty impressive!

Onishi The government lacks responsibility. When we go into a disaster area and supply things that the local government doesn't have access to, it comes entirely out of our own pockets. The government doesn't pay us back for any of it. Paradoxically, the more support we provide, the poorer we become!

Japan doesn't have a coherent strategy for addressing inefficacy. The current laws make local governments responsible for implementing disaster response, so even when the local government employees are victims themselves, they find themselves expected to work themselves into the ground, day and night. **Japan needs to move away from its dependence on local municipalities by utilising the private sector more effectively.**

Miyata Recently, there's been talk of setting up a “Ministry of Disaster Prevention”, but what we need now is a new vision, a complete redesign of our disaster response strategy. **For example, if the government started compensating private businesses for expenses they incur in disaster relief, this would become a more sustainable option.**

Onishi After the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, there were logistical problems that prevented food from getting to the 50,000 Self-Defence Forces

mobilized there. For two weeks, they had to make do with one meal a day in spite of the arduous work they were doing. The private sector, in particular home moving companies, had access to far more cargo-carrying capacity than the military's trucks, but they were prevented from entering the disaster area. One of the fundamentals of disaster relief is that in the chaotic early stages, the goal is simply to bring in as many supplies as possible, without worrying about sorting everything first. Intermediate sorting facilities and proper processes can be sorted out later.

Miyata We need to develop a system that allows private logistics operators to get involved. They are able to operate with more agility. **We shouldn't be faced with a two-way choice between coping as individuals or relying on the government for help. More effective collaboration with the private sector** would enable communities to create a scalable buffer for unpredictable events. It's also time to give more thought to potential scenarios affecting Taiwan.

Onishi Taiwan is home to 24 million people. Crises such as famine or a collapse of the healthcare system can develop in a very short time, which is why we should be considering the potential for a maritime humanitarian corridor. **When it comes to major disasters that have a high probability of occurring, we need back up plans and contingency plans.** But there is a tendency in Japan to imagine that unpleasant things are not going to happen.

Miyata Peace Winds has its own ship and helicopters that are used for regional healthcare or tourism most of the time, but can be mobilised immediately in an emergency. This organization is a real asset to Japan. In normal times, these resources can help boost regional economies and contribute to the fight against rural depopulation. **This balance between agility in times of crisis and social benefits the rest of the time** has enormous potential.





Kensuke Onishi

Chairperson/CEO, Peace Winds Japan

Profile

Born in Osaka, Japan, in 1967. Founded Peace Winds Japan in 1996. Participated in the establishment of domestic and international disaster relief operation “Civic Force”. CEO of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD). Chosen as Davos Young Global Leader in 2006. In 2024, he became the first representative of the NPO sector to become a vice chairperson of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives.

Miyata On a national level, **we now need to put together a grand design** for a public-private network of cooperation that **combines medium-to-long-term social vision with immediate readiness for action in times of crisis.**

The corporate world turning from profits to social impact

Onishi Actually, although Peace Winds is an NGO, I have been appointed as deputy secretary of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives. It is important for NGOs and NPOs to build relationships not only with the public sector but also with business. Startup companies are working not so much to generate profit as to create new value, and often resonate with our socially-focused work and offer generous support. I have always considered large companies to be primarily driven by the quest for profits, but recently I have come to realise that this is also changing. Going forward, it will be important to **adjust the mindset of the corporate world.**

Miyata You're right in that over the past 30 years, large corporations who had hitherto focused on maximizing profits and keeping their stockholders happy have found themselves exposed to much more scrutiny in the digital age. These companies have started to realize that if they make no effort to engage with social issues, this will be a major turn-off for the market, customers, and investors alike. I believe we are entering **a new phase, in which the corporate world should shoulder part of an “axis of the future”** that contributes to protecting the environment and promoting peace, human rights, wellbeing, and humanitarian aid - and even disaster relief. India has passed a new law mandating that a minimum of 2% of profits must be put toward corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities. There's a lot of corporate wealth squirreled away in Japan, so I think there's potential to learn from India in implementing a similar policy here as well.

Onishi Corporate reserves in Japan were 140 trillion yen during the bubble era, and that had swelled to 600 trillion yen by the end of the 2023 financial year. It would be great **if some of that wealth could be put toward impact investments or charitable donations.**

Miyata Japan and the US had similar gross domestic products (GDPs) during the bubble era, but today the difference is enormous. American businesses generally spend three times

their profits, whereas Japanese businesses only use a third of theirs, which costs them growth opportunities. If the internal wealth of Japan's corporations could be put toward investing in the future, this could lead to a revival in Japan's fortunes.

Onishi I wish people would view NGOs and NPOs as an industry in their own right, rather writing them off as “non-profit” and “volunteer” organizations. Such a repositioning would attract more high-flyers who wanted to do more to benefit society. Overseas, it's common for people to switch careers between top-ranking companies to NGOs and NPOs, or to work in executive positions in the government. **Not only freeing up the wealth of corporations, but freeing up the flow of skilled workers could have an enormous impact on Japanese society.**

Creating the future together

Onishi Geologists are predicting that the next 15 or 20 years will be marked by crises, that we are living in an era of instability.

Miyata I have no doubt about that. It's high time that the countries of the world, from America to the Global South, got together to discuss how to go about building the future and facing up to its challenges.

Onishi I agree. But Japan is very inward-looking, and I worry about its ability to respond to change.

Miyata Only 17% of Japanese people now own a passport. Some people are unable to travel overseas because of the weak yen, but there are also a lot of people who have no interest in traveling abroad. How can such an inward looking Japanese population be encouraged to engage with the rest of the world?

Onishi When I go overseas, it strikes me that so many Americans and Chinese are able to travel around the world and negotiate and adapt whatever the situation. Unfortunately, the Japanese seem as fragile as an eggshell in comparison.

Miyata Research suggests that one reason for the lack of a global workforce in Japan is the language acquisition barrier. For example, it's said that it takes a French person 400 hours of study to pick up English, but 2000 hours to reach the same level in Japanese. That's five times as long! Japanese and English are very different languages, so it's unsurprising that relatively few people can become proficient. However, as translation apps are

becoming more and more accurate, we should be able to adapt language teaching methods to provide either a broad curriculum that includes the use of apps, or a specialist masterclass curriculum. **If we are going to build a global workforce, first we need to reimagine the way we teach languages.**

Onishi These days, top-level bureaucrats often complain that they can't attract the brightest candidates.

Miyata They won't be able to attract quality staff until the system is overhauled to emphasize the public benefit of these jobs. The sector needs to offer a clear mission, whilst sweeping away the traditional practice of age-based promotion so that the best staff can be placed in rewarding roles.

Onishi In our case, we don't want to function like a traditional NPO. We aim to be an organization that consistently introduces social innovations. In fact, we're in the process of **repositioning ourselves as a "social innovation platform" rather than an international cooperation NGO.**

Miyata You've long promoted the idea of a civil society in which the private sector has a role in public life. It looks like that time has now arrived.
I don't like the idea of "predicting the future". **Shaping the future is much more reliable than predicting it.** Of course, the future isn't something that can be defined by a single person; it's something we all have to work for collectively. The theme of the

Osaka Expo pavilion I'm producing is "Better Co-Being". Sometimes, when thinking in the present isn't enough to find the solutions you need, setting your sights on the future helps give the extra perspective you need.

Onishi To me, "creating the future together" means **"rallying the power of the private sector to create a strategy for both ordinary and extraordinary times"**.

Miyata Someone like Onishi-san, who is able to plan for crises while remaining grounded in reality, is an invaluable asset to Japan. For me, "creating the future together" means using my skills **as a researcher to present solutions.** Even though we view the world from different angles I sense a great deal of overlap with Onishi-san, and I hope that by combining our insights we might be able to generate a new source of energy.

Onishi It's great that academia is beginning to see things the same way. I hope we will keep reassessing our traditional ideas and continue to come up with new ventures. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me today.

View the conversation
online



Recorded October 23, 2024



Hope for the future, captured in 14 panes of glass —

This conversation between Onishi and Miyata took place on Toyoshima, an island in the Seto Inland Sea, where Peace Winds Japan owns a sculptural glass installation created by the renowned modern artist Gerhard Richter, as part of efforts to promote regional revitalization through art. After seeing this art Miyata commented: "Those 14 panes of glass capture the ever-changing natural scenery of Toyoshima. As the sun goes down in preparation for tomorrow, to be replaced with twinkling electric lights, it's as if the scene is resonating with unlimited hope for the coming morning, offering a glimpse of the future. The image changes by the minute, making each viewing unique".



Hiroaki Miyata

Data Scientist
Professor, Keio University Dept. of Medicine

Profile

Born in 1978, Gifu Prefecture, Japan. Medical data science researcher. After lecturing in healthcare quality assessment at the Graduate School of Medicine and Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo, Miyata assumed his current role in May 2015. He has been the focus of attention for his research into the role of data science in building a better future. He will serve as chancellor of the new Co-innovation University (provisional name), due to open in spring 2026.

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Peace Winds Japan

Peace Winds is a Japanese NGO (non-governmental and non-profit organization) that provides relief from conflict, disaster, and social upheaval wherever it is needed. Peace Winds was founded by Kensuke Onishi in 1996, and has been providing support around the world ever since.



Serving humanity for

29 years

Workforce

621 staff

Scale of operations

6.8 billion JPY
(FY2024)

Total beneficiaries

28,966,285 people
as of January 31, 2025

Operational experience in

41 countries
and regions

Nationalities of Staff

25 countries

Ireland, America, United Kingdom, Iraq, Uganda, Ukraine, Australia, Cameroon, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Nepal, Haiti, Palau, Palestine, Bangladesh, Philippines, Myanmar, Mozambique, Moldova, East Timor, Japan, China, Korea *As of FY2024



Afghanistan, USA, Iraq, Iran, India, Indonesia, Uganda, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Syria, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Türkiye, Tonga, Niger, Nepal, Haiti, Pakistan, Palau, Palestine, Bangladesh, Philippines, Burkina Faso, Vietnam, Myanmar, Mozambique, Moldova, Morocco, Mongolia, Liberia, Lebanon, China, North Korea, South Sudan, Taiwan, Japan, East Timor, South Korea (as of January 31, 2025)

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The World Needs a Team That Never Backs Down.

Whether conflicts and disasters around the world, or societal problems that many believe to be unsolvable, we will never stop searching for better solutions.

OVERSEAS OPERATIONS

We have been extending assistance to those whose lives and humanity are threatened by conflict, poverty, and natural disasters around the world since 1996.



Number of beneficiaries

2,824,199 people
+ 8,436 households + 28 animals + many others

*As of FY 2024. Does not include whole households, regions, schools etc. Does not include animals.

Regions currently being supported

27 countries and regions

As of January 31, 2025. Regions are counted even if emergency relief starts midway through the financial year.

Afghanistan, USA, Iraq, Uganda, Ukraine, Kenya, Syria, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Türkiye, Haiti, Palau, Palestine, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Vietnam, Myanmar, Mozambique, Moldova, Morocco, Mongolia, Lebanon, Taiwan, China, East Timor, South Sudan, Japan

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF

Providing rescue, shelter, medicine, and other relief in disaster-affected areas to help as many victims as quickly as possible.



Emergency teams dispatched

Since 1996.
Includes ARROWS operations.

75 times



Disaster cooperation agreements with

Includes agreements with ARROWS teams

61 organizations



PEACE WANKO JAPAN PROJECT

Dog shelter and rehoming project to eliminate unnecessary culling and promote the symbiotic relationship between humans and animals.



Dogs rescued

8,655



As of January 31, 2025, according to rescue dog log book

Days without a dog being culled by gas chamber in Hiroshima

April 1, 2016 to January 31, 2025

3,228 days



A photograph of two women in blue uniforms and caps, likely Amazon employees, looking towards a construction site. The woman in the foreground is wearing a grey cap and a blue jacket with 'peace winds' and a logo on the back. The woman behind her is wearing a blue cap and a blue jacket with 'vinds' and a logo on the back. The background shows a construction site with scaffolding and buildings.

If there is something we can do,
no matter high the hurdle,
doing nothing is not an option.

**OVERSEAS
OPERATIONS**

Director of Overseas Operations **Rika Yamamoto**

Providing relief in a dramatically changing world

Since the autumn of 2024, a series of drastic and interconnected changes have taken place across the Middle East. Peace Winds has operations in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Türkiye, and Palestine, but the shifting geopolitical landscape has driven home to me the importance of comprehending the region as a whole rather than compartmentalizing the problems faced by individual countries and communities.

At the end of November, a ceasefire agreement saw an end to 13 months of fighting between Israel and the Lebanon-based Islamic group Hezbollah. Then, at the beginning of December, the Assad regime in Syria finally collapsed after 50 years and two generations. In January 2025, Israel and Hamas agreed to a six-week ceasefire in Gaza after over a year and three months of intense warfare.



The collapse of the Assad regime was brought about in part by the changing fortunes of two of its key backers – namely Iran, bruised by the weakening of Hezbollah, and Russia, whose resources are being consumed by its ongoing war with Ukraine. Meanwhile, the USA and Europe will be fundamental to determining the nature of any future relationship between Russia and Ukraine.

The interconnected nature of world events has major implications for our operations. We have a history of offering psychological care for the victims of Syria's conflict, but the change in regime forces us to reconsider the needs of the population, as well as our ability to offer support. We have also supported refugees of the Syrian civil war in Iraq and Türkiye. Despite the fall of the Assad regime, there is no guarantee that these refugees will be able to return home immediately. Those who have spent over a decade outside their own country have their own unique set of needs. For example, we have to consider what constitutes “home” for a child who has lived the life of a refugee for as long as they can remember.

Regarding Lebanon and Gaza, even once the gunfire has stopped, the legacy of the deaths and the rubble-strewn streets remain.

Recovery will be a long and difficult road, and there is every possibility that 2025 will bring new complications. The freezing of the USAID international relief program by the new American administration is an unprecedented event. Many operations have had to be scaled down or suspended as a result. We are calling on our Peace Supporters to help us maintain stable and ongoing support.



We are currently living through a difficult period of history. When I first started working in humanitarian relief, national borders seemed to be a looser concept. The lines on a map did not represent such a stark difference between cultures and lifestyles on the ground.

But although people and their lives are connected across land, in this digital age it feels like small differences are being amplified, creating new divisions in society. It's as if we are being forced to choose between one position or another, in a way that results in deepening social fault lines.

Until now, I've always believed that wherever in the world a crisis occurs, regardless of political changes, there has always been a way to get support to those who need it. Although I still fundamentally believe this, at the same time I'm increasingly aware of the need to bolster domestic disaster preparedness. Peace Winds will always go wherever and whenever it is needed, without drawing unnecessary distinctions between domestic and overseas work. With the money generously donated by our supporters, Peace Winds will continue to find innovative new ways to support those who find themselves in need.



Woman sheltering in Lebanon
with Peace Winds Photographer Kondo

Support for Refugees & Countries in conflict

Sadly, major conflicts continue to affect people around the world, notably in Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, and Myanmar, requiring support of ever-increasing scale and complexity. The number of refugees who have fled conflict and persecution in their home countries is now estimated to have topped 100 million worldwide. Peace Winds continues to dispatch staff to war-torn areas, where they work with partner organizations to provide direct support to those in need.

PALESTINE 2015 to present

Supporting the people of Gaza

The IDF continues its intense bombardment of Gaza, where it has now damaged or destroyed over 70% of buildings. As of the end of January 2025, the violence has left 46,000 dead, 110,000 injured, 17,000 missing people, and displaced 1.9 million residents. In addition to cash handouts, we have been providing humanitarian support to distribute food, sanitary goods, clean water, and warm meals.



Staff Interview

To provide even the smallest measure of support to the people of Gaza

The infrastructure of Gaza has been completely devastated, and everything is in short supply. Our support is helping to save lives and make life slightly more bearable for the people of Gaza. Our local staff and affiliated groups bravely carry on their work even as they suffer the effects of the conflict in their own lives.



Program Coordinator,
Palestine
Kumi Sato

MYANMAR 2013 to present

Providing relief near the Thai border

We have been providing support including food, daily goods, and medicine to internally displaced people and their host communities in Northwest and Southeast Myanmar which have borne the brunt of cyclones, conflict, and economic collapse. We have also provided monetary support to households affected by flooding from typhoon Yagi for the purchase of food, medicine, and daily goods to help them rebuild their lives.



Staff Interview

Working with the local community to overcome adversity

In Myanmar, the humanitarian situation remains dire four years after the military coup of 2021. Despite this, communities in border regions are doing all they can to reach self-sufficiency in food. We are working with these communities to foster independence not only in food but in all areas of life.



Field Coordinator,
Myanmar
Tokio Tsuji



Dr. Inaba talks to a local child in a Burkina Faso market

Health & Sanitation / Hygiene Promotion

BURKINA FASO 2023 to present

Fighting hepatitis B

In Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso we are helping to develop an improved system of chronic hepatitis B testing. Working with local partner organizations, we have introduced new testing equipment and provided monitoring to improve the quality of healthcare for chronic hepatitis B sufferers.



KENYA 2012 to present

Menstrual hygiene support

We have distributed dignity kits and promoted menstrual awareness amongst women and girls left vulnerable in the wake of natural disaster in flood-affected regions. We also run a program to develop sustainable solid waste management amongst refugees and community residents, and have contributed to supporting livelihoods through the foundational elements of water hygiene, living spaces, and logistics.



Support for dealing with unsanitary conditions and water shortages, as well as ensuring a minimum nutritionally balanced diet, is important not only in the aftermath of a disaster, but also in places where poverty and social disparities are ongoing issues. We also dispatch doctors and nurses to places where local medical services are unable to cope with sudden disasters, and work with local medical personnel to fight infectious diseases and lifestyle-related disorders.

PALAU 2021 to present

Healthcare aboard a floating clinic

Palau is facing a public health crisis of lifestyle-related disease. In collaboration with Palau's Ministry of Health, we have dispatched Japanese medical professionals to conduct a campaign of lifestyle-related disease prevention through a mix of health checks and information sharing activities. We also offer mobile health checks aboard our floating hospital to catch and prevent illness among the residents of Palau's remote islands, where access to healthcare is limited.



SOUTH SUDAN 2006 to present

Water hygiene support

We have supported the installation and maintenance of water supply facilities in refugee communities in Central Equatoria and Northern Bahr el Ghazal states to provide access to safe water for returnees and refugees fleeing the crisis in Sudan. We also work with local residents to share information in order to prevent the spread of infectious disease.



Environmental / Climate Change & Disaster Response

TAIWAN 2024 to present

Hualien Earthquake

In the immediate aftermath of the Hualien earthquake that struck eastern Taiwan in April 2024, we distributed food and daily essentials, followed later by food vouchers which we distributed in coordination with local supermarkets. We also provided psychological care for ethnic minority communities in the disaster region, and offered livelihood support to restaurant businesses that suffered economically due to the closure of Taroko National Park.



Staff Interview

A big "thank you" to the people of Japan

"Thank you, Japan" were words we often heard as we provided disaster relief following the Hualien earthquake. Many people came up to offer words of gratitude in Japanese. Despite their own situation, they expressed concern for the victims of the Noto and Tohoku earthquakes. It was moving to realize that the depth of feeling that the people of Hualien have for Japan. I hope that our work will continue to provide comfort to the victims of the earthquake.



Taiwan Program
Coordinator

Sachie Saijo

VIETNAM 2024 to present

Typhoon Yagi

A medical team visited Yên Bái in northwest Vietnam to run hepatitis testing. In areas devastated by Typhoon Yagi, which struck in September 2024, we distributed food and daily goods, as well as provided study material to children.



Staff Interview

Building disaster-resilient schools as part of recovery efforts

I will never forget the sight of grass and plastic wrapped high around electricity poles, a sign of how far the floodwaters reached. In some villages, the schools have been completely swept away. We are currently working with local communities to build new, disaster-resistant schools. Half a year has passed since Typhoon Yagi struck, but we are still working towards recovery day-by-day in a constantly changing environment.



Vietnam Program
Coordinator

Hazuki Kobayashi



Top: Staff carrying supplies after Typhoon Yagi in Vietnam

Bottom: Staff distributing supplies in the aftermath of the Hualien earthquake in Taiwan



UKRAINE



MOLDOVA



TÜRKİYE



AFGHANISTAN



IRAQ



SYRIA



LEBANON



MOROCCO



UGANDA



MOZAMBIQUE



SRI LANKA



CHINA



BANGLADESH



THAILAND



EAST TIMOR



USA (MAUI, HAWAII)



USA (LOS ANGELES)



HAITI

HOW TO SUPPORT



Join us as a
“Peace Supporter”
to support our activities

From
1,000yen
/month

This support program provides long-term support to victims of natural disasters and refugees from conflict by delivering necessary assistance through ongoing monthly donations.



We will not abandon life. We will not give up world peace.

1 **UKRAINE** 2022 to present

We have offered health checkups and psychological counselling to women bearing the physical and mental scars of wartime, as well as distributing cash payments and sanitary goods to those in economic need. Following a large-scale attack on Kiev in July 2024, we provided food and daily goods to a pediatric hospital and the residents of nearby communal housing that sustained damage in the attack.

2 **MOLDOVA** 2022 to 2024

In Moldova's capital Chişinău, we have improved the educational environment by repairing and furnishing public schools that have accepted the children of Ukrainian refugees, as well as training teachers and running workshops and extracurricular activities to deepen the mutual understanding between Ukrainians and Moldovans.

3 **TÜRKIYE** 2023 to present

We have installed a prefabricated school building at an elementary school in the Karayılan district of İskenderun city in Hatay province that was damaged in the earthquake of 2023. We also offered psychosocial support to the guardians of children living in refugee camps damaged by the earthquake.

4 **AFGHANISTAN** 2001 to present

In Nangarhâr province we provided vulnerable households with cash to purchase food alongside support for poultry farming, whilst also improving access to food in order to strengthen resilience and support lives. In regions affected by conflict, we helped to improve the educational environment of children. In Herât province we continued our financial support of earthquake victims.



5 **IRAQ** 1996 to present

We have supported improvements to shelter and infrastructure as part of our livelihood support for Syrian refugees in northern Iraq. In Ninewa, which still bears the scars of years of war, we offered job training and support to improve the livelihoods of returnees.

6 **SYRIA** 2017 to present

Syria is facing an unprecedented food crisis. We ran workshops on nutrition as well as provided food to pregnant women, mothers with breastfeeding children, and disabled people living in poverty. We also offered psychosocial support to relieve the psychological stress of women and children who are at risk of violence.

7 **LEBANON** 2025 to present

The start of large-scale aerial bombardment of southern Lebanon on September 23rd, 2024 has resulted in a huge increase in the numbers of internally displaced people and Lebanese refugees in neighboring Syria, in addition to numerous deaths and injuries. 23% of the population now faces acute food insecurity. In Beirut and central and southern Lebanon, we have distributed much-needed food to refugees and local residents who have suffered as a result of the bombing.

8 **MOROCCO** 2023 to 2024

In Marrakesh and surrounding cities, we have run menstrual hygiene workshops to raise knowledge and skills relating to menstrual hygiene amongst girls caught up in the central Moroccan earthquake of 2023. We also distributed reusable sanitary products in menstrual hygiene kits in order to improve menstrual hygiene amongst recipients.



9 UGANDA 2016 to present

We have provided skills training aimed at protecting and improving the livelihood of socially and economically vulnerable women in refugee areas. We have also developed farmland and established a training center for refugees and local farmers, including men, where we offer agricultural skill training to relieve food shortages and improve livelihoods.

10 MOZAMBIQUE 2019 to present

Amongst internally displaced people fleeing conflict in the north of the country, as well as their host communities, we are helping people who find themselves temporarily without income to start afresh by ensuring access to food and supporting the recovery of the means to make a living. In disaster-affected regions, we have also restored water sanitation facilities and promoted hygiene awareness among residents in order to fight infectious diseases.

11 SRI LANKA 2009 to present

We have offered an equal-opportunity study program for any farmers with an interest in circular agriculture in Trincomalee district, where many farmers are now putting their new skills into practice using locally available resources. In Mullaitivu district, we repaired five small reservoirs and promoted poultry keeping and home farming to households living below the poverty line as a means of improving food self-sufficiency.

12 MONGOLIA 1996 to present

We continued to support 46 children living in the Verbist Care Center (VCC) as a result of poverty or abandonment.

13 CHINA 2025

In coordination with affiliated Chinese organizations, we dispatched a rescue team and distributed emergency relief following the earthquake that struck the Tibet Autonomous Region on January 7th 2025.

14 BANGLADESH 2017 to present

In order to improve public health, we have trained refugees and community residents to raise health and sanitation awareness in Cox's Bazar, which has taken in over 970,000 Rohingya refugees. We also provided emergency support to disaster victims by distributing food and supplies in cyclone and heavy rain-affected regions.

15 THAILAND 2024 to present

We trained mother-and-child support volunteers in regions housing large numbers of migrants and refugees from Myanmar, offered consultations on childcare, held workshops to teach human rights and the Thai language, and conducted household visits. We provided sanitary goods to the children of Myanmar refugees attending migrant schools in northwest Thailand.

16 EAST TIMOR 1999 to present

We held workshops on high-quality coffee production for 130 households with an interest in coffee trading, and began purchasing their coffee. Our café in the capital Dili celebrated its tenth year by expanding into larger premises in a neighboring building. The café has earned a reputation for its comfortable surroundings and quality service amongst locals and international visitors alike.

Fair Trade Project 2003 to present

This year, East Timor coffee faced significant challenges as unfavorable weather led to a poor harvest, while global coffee prices surged, resulting in strong demand and wholesale green beans selling out mid-season. Despite supply constraints, we achieved robust sales of products connected to our organization, including coffee tied to emergency relief donations and artwork featuring rescued dogs.



17 USA (MAUI, HAWAII) 2023 to present

We organized training, workshops, and events to promote resilience in the communities affected by the major wildfires that hit Lahaina on Maui Island in August 2023. We also conducted activities to relieve the psychological stress of community members.

17 USA (LOS ANGELES) 2025

In response to the major fires that engulfed the Los Angeles area on January 8th 2025 (in Japanese time), we dispatched a rescue team and provided support including daily and sanitary goods as well as air purifiers. In coordination with local animal welfare organizations, we also provided support for pets rescued from the disaster.

18 HAITI 2010 to present

We supported fishing communities who operate off southern Haiti, which was damaged by the 2021 earthquake, by providing equipment including boats and nets to the local fishing association, and also offered training in fishing and seafood processing techniques. We also trained members of the organization on how to achieve continuous and stable operations.



**Emergency
Disaster Relief**

**My aim is to continue to find ways
to exploit our unique strengths
as a non-governmental organization
in order to save as many lives
as possible, as quickly as possible.**

Project Leader, Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS)

Mototaka Inaba

Shaping a “more dynamic” new approach to disaster relief

The “Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search” (ARROWS) began 2024 in the Noto Peninsula following the earthquake that struck on new year’s day. Now in our fifth year, we found ourselves at a major turning point in 2024. If I had to sum up 2024 in a single word, that word would be “testing”.

Since our founding, the central aim of the ARROWS has been to “save as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible”. I think our response to the Noto Peninsula earthquake enabled us to turn our ideals into reality. Our activities on the Noto Peninsula were critical to raising our profile, and since then we have been inundated with offers of support as well as requests to train and study alongside other organizations. Moreover, our roster of registered personnel has more than doubled. Our team is growing strongly and our track record has helped build trust, which in turn empowers us to achieve greater things. I believe 2024 represented a significant leap forward for the ARROWS.

At the same time, I have also come to sense a great deal of “expectation” being placed upon us. Whilst this is an honor and something of which I am immensely proud, I am also conscious of the danger that this “expectation” is outpacing our actual growth.

During the exercise, a simulation was conducted linking the command post installed aboard the “Power of Change” ship with the DMAT Activity Base Headquarters in Hiroshima Prefecture to practice information transmission and sharing.



Our relief efforts following the Noto Peninsula earthquake took us to Suzu city, where we had previously worked following an earlier earthquake in May 2023. This meant that we had already built relationships with local contacts, a great advantage which facilitated the smooth running of our operations. To put it another way, to do the same work in an unfamiliar location would have been far more difficult. I believe that this year is a good time for us to take a look at where we are now, and work out what needs to be done to strengthen our unit in order to be able to provide the same level of assistance as we did in the Noto Peninsula, no matter where we find ourselves next.

From individual skills to team cohesion, we need to train continuously to keep up-to-date on all aspects of our readiness for disasters that could strike at any time – disasters such as the predicted Nankai Trough earthquake or Tokyo Metropolitan earthquake.

The larger the disaster, the more limited the scope of support the ARROWS team is able to provide on its own. This reality drives home the importance of strengthening our ties with other organizations in order to provide relief on a greater scale in a truly massive disaster.

We recognize the necessity of coordination between the public and private sectors when providing disaster relief at scale, and have therefore proactively built relationships through participation in government-led rehearsals and DMAT training. Layering the massive relief capacity of the public sector with the ability of the private sector to provide finely-tuned support where it is needed will lead to more lives being saved. Our new focus is on developing cooperation between industry, academia, government, and private enterprise. The industrial and educational sectors each have their own distinct power. If combined with the respective strengths of the public and private sectors via a social sector hub such as ourselves, I believe we have the makings of a potent and dynamic disaster response framework.



Multi-agency collaboration exercise on the Disaster medical support ship “Power of Change” at sea

My aim is to continue to help shape innovative approaches to disaster relief, exploiting our unique strengths as a non-governmental organization in order to save as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible.

Our activities in 2024

Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS)

2019 to present

Seeking to overcome logistical challenges encountered following the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake, the medical and airborne divisions conducted a joint operational drill, whilst we also strengthened our regular scheduled drills and participation in drills with public bodies in order to maintain response readiness to disasters at home or abroad. We dispatched disaster response teams on five occasions in the past year: once in Japan (following torrential rain on the Noto Peninsula) and four times overseas (following the Hualien earthquake in Taiwan, torrential rain in Vietnam, flooding in Mozambique, and wildfires in Los Angeles).

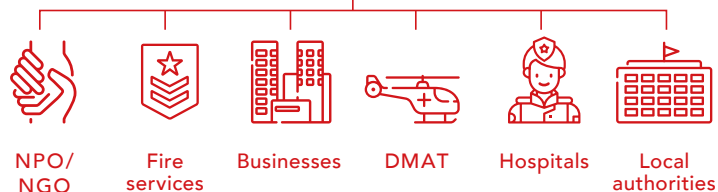


About Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS)

Peace Winds has a long track record of conducting disaster relief activities in Japan and overseas, notably in the aftermath of the Tohoku earthquake of 2011. In 2019, we launched a new emergency disaster relief project known as the Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS) with the motto “as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible”. The team includes experts in medicine, search and rescue, logistics, and media, and works alongside governmental organizations. Japan is notoriously prone to natural disasters, but combining expertise in multiple fields allows the “ARROWS” to achieve maximum impact.



Coordination with external organizations



Timeline

- **March 2011 : Tohoku earthquake**
 - Peace Winds dispatches emergency relief team
- **August 2014 : Hiroshima flooding**
 - Rescue team including dogs deploys for first time, finds two missing people
- **April 2015 : Nepal earthquake**
- **April 2016 : Kumamoto earthquake**
- **July 2018 : West Japan Floods**
 - First deployment for medic Mototaka Inaba, provides medical assistance
- **August 2018 : Lombok earthquake, Indonesia**
- **August 2019 : Rains and flooding in northern Kyushu**
- **December 2019 : ARROWS formed**
- **January 2020 : COVID-19 emerges**
 - Personnel and equipment support for Japanese and Chinese healthcare organizations
- **March 2022 : Support for evacuees in Ukraine crisis**
- **January 2024 : Noto Peninsula earthquake**

Staff Interview

I feel a lot of warmth in the support we provide. I am so grateful that I am able to convey my message that “we will get through this together” through my ongoing work with the victims of the Noto Peninsula earthquake, many of whom are still struggling even though over a year has passed since the disaster. I will continue to work with the community as the region recovers, watching over the health of the victims through “community support”, which is vital to preventing secondary disaster-related deaths.

Nurse

Mayuka Kinoshita



HOW TO SUPPORT



Join us as

**“ARROWS
Supporter”**

to support our activities

From
1,000yen
/month

The “ARROWS” activities are supported by donations of people all over Japan. This is a long-term support program to help as many victims as possible as quickly as possible.





Disaster Medical Support Ship “Power of Change”

When overland routes are cut off in a major disaster, there is a high risk of delays in bringing emergency supplies and urgent medical support into the disaster area. Our disaster medical support ship the “Power of Change” came into service in July 2023 and is the first of its kind in the private sector in Japan. It becomes a vital line of defense, preventing deaths from untreated injuries and indirect disaster-related deaths by acting as an emergency clinic for the injured, carrying disaster victims, and bringing in vital fuel and supplies.

Ship specs

Length: 68.00m Beam: 17.40m Draft: 4.50m(design), 5.02m(max) Navigable range at 8 knots: 6,000 miles
Capacity: 49 people Cruising speed: 12 knots Economical speed: 8 knots Built: 2011

Activities in FY2024

Assistance for Great East Japan Earthquake victims

2011 to present



We have partnered with local group “Soma Aid and Rescue Team” to support those who were evacuated following the Great East Japan Earthquake and Fukushima Daiichi nuclear meltdown and have now returned, as well as those living in Fukushima for the first time. The traditional horse-rearing culture of the Soma-Futaba area is used as a conduit around which to build new relationships.

Assistance for West Japan Flooding victims

2018 to present



We have now been working side-by-side with the community for six years. During the recovery phase, we provided furnishings for a reconstructed meeting hall, and focused on expanding the capacity of local groups to foster greater disaster preparedness and resilience. In April 2024, we completed our project to restore the damaged Yata residence as a community hub. The building is now being put to good use by young and old alike.

Assistance for Noto Peninsula Earthquake victims

2024 to present



The Upper Noto Peninsula bore the brunt not only of the earthquake of January 1st, but also torrential rain in September 2024. We have nurses and veteran disaster relief staff stationed full-time in the region, and continue to offer support every single day. During the initial emergency response period we used our agility to great effect, providing medical care, search and rescue, running evacuation centers, and transporting vital supplies. Our current focus is on providing assistance with electronic appliances to those living in temporary accommodation, conducting door-to-door visits to prevent secondary disaster-related deaths, community support, and consultation sessions. We have plans to introduce new assistance aimed at children.

Strengthening Community Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) capabilities

2019 to present



We continue to support efforts to build disaster resilience among local communities through disaster prevention awareness events, study groups, and visits to disaster sites aimed at residents, voluntary disaster prevention groups, and local government employees. We also proactively nurture relationships between medical professionals, NPO staff, and other potential disaster responders via opportunities to learn new skills through study groups and active drills. In the current financial year, we have expanded our network of local community connections to Rishiri Island in Hokkaido and the Sakishima Islands of Okinawa, finding opportunities for mutual learning that transcend geographical boundaries.

A photograph of a man in a grey tank top and a black cap sitting on a grassy field, petting a light-colored dog. They are surrounded by lush green trees under a clear sky. The scene is peaceful and natural.

Our greatest achievement is all the new companionships

that we have formed across the length and breadth of Japan.

Our vision:

a world where every shelter dog

finds a home.

**PEACE WANKO
JAPAN
PROJECT**

Project leader **Makoto Abe**



Dog rescue and rehoming project



2010 to present

It has now been 12 years since the Peace Wanko Project launched in 2012. So far, we have rescued over 8,600 dogs, 4,700 of which have been successfully rehomed. We are now supported by 80,000 people all over Japan, and thanks to our efforts, Hiroshima's euthanasia box has been out of action for over eight years. In FY2024, we expanded our operations to the islands of Shikoku and Kyushu, rescuing dogs in Kagawa and Fukuoka prefectures, and opening our new Fukuoka Adoption Center in July. We are working with regional governments and local groups to develop a framework for training and rehoming feral dogs as the next step towards our goal of eliminating euthanasia throughout Japan.

Rescue facilities and adoption centers

11 locations now operating in Japan

Dogs that have been taken in to the Jinsekikogen Shelter and have improved in health and been trained to become accustomed to people are now living at our various adoption centers.

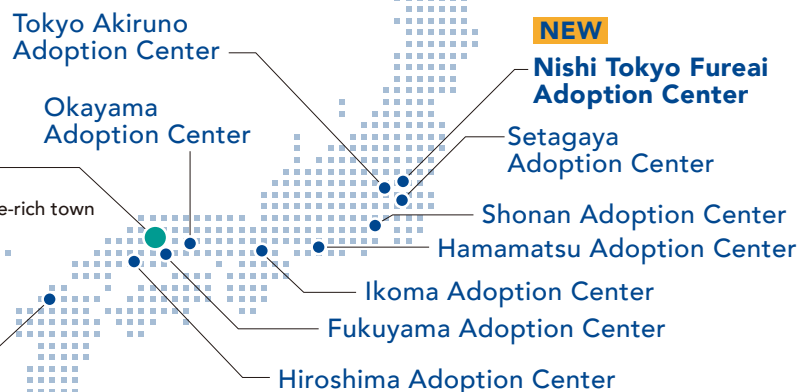
Staff members take care of the dogs on a daily basis and introduce the characteristics and personalities of the shelter dogs to prospective foster parents.



Jinsekikogen Shelter

Peace Wanko Japan is based in the nature-rich town of Jinsekikogen of Hiroshima. There is a spacious dog run, one of the largest in western Japan, where dogs and people can play freely.

NEW Fukuoka Adoption Center



News 1 Pet support after the Noto Peninsula earthquake Getting help where it's needed

The magnitude 7.6 earthquake that struck the Noto Peninsula on January 1st 2024 and registered the maximum 7 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale, affected not only humans but also dogs, cats, birds, and other pets. Peace Wanko Japan sent a team to provide emergency pet support from January 8th, a week after the disaster. Basing ourselves in Suzu city on the northern tip of the Noto Peninsula, we provided supplies including food and pet sheets, as well as running pet-friendly evacuation centers and daytime pet minding. We even offered trimming services and temporary boarding for pets to give their owners a chance to rebuild their lives. Pets are also part of the family. That's why we try offer support wherever it's needed.



News 2

A first in Japan! Kicking off our new shelter dog training program for prisoners

In December 2024, in collaboration with Hiroshima Correction Bureau, Peace Wanko Japan launched its new Shelter Dog Training Program for prisoners, which aids rehabilitation and reintegration to society after prison. On the one hand, shelter dogs are able to get used to being around people, whilst on the other hand, prisoners are given the opportunity to interact with animals, promoting physical and mental health and building up social skills.

Peace Wanko Japan has a proven track record of rescuing dogs destined for euthanasia, who are trained and ultimately rehomed. This new project, the first of its kind in Japan, is an opportunity to put our experience and know-how to good use.



This program teaches participants how to build trust through basic training and discipline, such as knowing how to walk a dog and when to hand out treats. Our aim is that “interaction with shelter dogs will develop a relationship of trust and train the dogs to live alongside people before they go out into society”. We believe this is also a valuable opportunity for prisoners seeking to reintegrate to society after prison. Moreover, by speeding up the training of formerly feral dogs, who are typically wary of people, we are contributing to a “society where humans and animals live side-by-side”. Going forward, we will continue to seek new and innovative solutions to social issues.

News 3

The Cat Rescue Program "Peace Nyanko" has been launched.



According to the Ministry of the Environment, the annual rate of cat euthanasia in Japan has reached 6,899. This is around three times the number of dogs that were euthanized, and the majority of these cats were still kittens when they were killed. In response, we have launched our new cat rescue program “Peace Nyanko”. This program mainly provides affiliated cat rescue volunteers with support with medical care, so that more cats can be taken to veterinary clinics and rehomed.

Messages of Support for Peace Wanko Japan

Message 1

Saeko

Profile: Talent, model, businesswoman. Runs Nasu Farm Village ranch, and organizes animal rescue activities. Representative of disaster prevention organization Think The DAY.

Bringing about a future in which nature, humans, and animals can coexist sustainably



In 2020 I took over the running of a ranch with 19 horses. We took in several shelter dogs, and my activities started from there. In 2022 I visited Peace Wanko Japan's Jinsekikogen Shelter, and was able to help with familiarization training and looking after some of the older dogs. Currently, I'm involved in fundraising through the sale of merchandise and also organize joint adoption events, and I support projects to eliminate euthanasia of horses, dogs, and cats.

The lives of horses, dogs, and people are all valuable. In 2024, through my organization I donated to Peace Winds' Hualien Earthquake relief efforts. I hope I can continue to find different ways to support people and animals without borders.

Message 2

Actress

Mari Nishio



Peace Wanko Japan introduced me to a sweet four-year-old, Setsu. Although she usually keeps it hidden, I fell in love with her wonderful inner toughness and strength. Little by little she opened up to us, until she started acting like a little princess! I'm so glad that Setsu chose to be a member of our family.

Message 3

Comedian/Actor
/Voice Actor/Sculptor

Jin Katagiri



My first adoptee was Chako, a former feral who reminded me of my old dog. She was so sweet that I ended up adopting a second dog, Hana. The two of them inspired my sculpture “shelter dogs to spoilt dogs”. I hope that one day we will see a world where no feral dogs have to be put to sleep.



Hope for the future: Building a world in which dogs and their families can live in happiness

Adoption Sub-manager

Maki Tachizaki



You first joined Peace Wanko Japan as a fresh graduate, before returning later in your career. Can you tell us about your journey?

When I was studying dog training at college, I joined the search and rescue dog training group. One of my teachers there introduced me to Peace Wanko Japan, and encouraged me to spend some time as an intern at the Jinsekikogen Shelter. I knew it was the place for me if I wanted to work with shelter dogs, so I joined as soon as I graduated college in 2016. Initially my main job was caring for dogs in the shelter, but at the same time I also trained as a search and rescue dog handler. As we trained together, powerful bonds developed between myself and the shelter dogs, and it was joyous to feel our relationships growing.

Later on, I became responsible for running the quarantine house where new arrivals spend their first nights. At that time we were extremely busy, and many of the new dogs coming in were in poor condition or not yet weaned. Every day, I was looking after the dogs until late into the evening. This experience prompted me to learn more about veterinary medicine, and after three years I left Peace Wanko Japan to work at a veterinary clinic. I worked as a surgical assistant at the clinic, where I was able to meet a wide range of pets at every stage of life. I also spent some time working at a pet funeral home, so you could say I've seen a bit of everything! Although I might come across as a bit of a career hopper, my passion for shelter dogs has always been at the core of every job I've done.

I found myself getting involved in rescue and adoption work, and just as the COVID-19 crisis was subsiding I got a call from Peace Wanko Japan who asked if I'd be able to help them get their adoption program back on track after the pandemic.

Now that you're an adoption sub-manager, what are your next goals?

I became head of the Setagaya Center in 2023, and after that, as the Kanto area supervisor, I oversaw the opening of the Hamamatsu and Nishi Tokyo Centers. I have seen a lot of shelter dogs come and go through the adoption process, but I still feel the same joy every time I hear an update from one of our adoptive owners. It reminds me of the huge potential of shelter dogs.

Adoption is the key to eradicating euthanasia in Japan. As we expand our operations across the country, we will be able to make an impact in new regions which will bring down both the number of euthanasia killings and dog rescues. My dream is that ultimately, we will get to a stage where the adoption centers themselves become redundant, and instead these facilities can be used for training and post-adoption follow-up care. I'll never stop doing what I can to build a world where dogs and their families can live together in happiness.

HOW TO SUPPORT



Join us as

“Dog Supporter”

to support our activities

From 1,000yen/month

This is a program to provide ongoing support for the Peace Wanko Japan project. Your donation will be used to take care of shelter dogs until foster parents can be found and to train search and rescue dogs.





Remote rural communities in Japan

and Nepal face the same challenges.

We learn from one another

as we train new hands for the future.

**SOCIAL
INNOVATION**

Project Coordinator, Overseas Agricultural Trainee Program

Makoto Yamauchi

Welcoming Agricultural Trainees from Overseas

2023 to present

Summary

Our Nepal operation has been running since the major earthquake of 2015. We currently provide skills training in cooperation with partner organizations in remote mountainous and rural areas. By helping communities transition from subsistence farming to commercial agriculture, we hope to stem migration away from these rural areas. Every year, agricultural group leaders are invited to Jinsekikogen in Hiroshima, also a remote rural area, for learning and communication opportunities.

Activities in FY2024

In FY2024 we have continued to offer practical training in Nepal, as well as welcoming trainees to Japan. In Spring 2025, we began preparing for the arrival of Hemanta, who will work in agriculture in Jinsekikogen, home of Peace Winds' headquarters in Hiroshima prefecture. We plan for him to act as a bridge between local businesses and inbound trainee organizations to bring new vigor to the agricultural community in Jinsekikogen, whilst providing trainees with new skills which they will one day take back to Nepal.

Staff Interview



I was born and grew up in Jinsekikogen. Ten years ago our town had a population of over 10,000, but by March 2025 this number had fallen to 7,764. The population is expected to drop further to around 3,700 by 2050, so the town is literally disappearing before our eyes. Things are particularly bad in agriculture. Nearly all our farmers will be retiring in the next ten years.

There are around 160 foreign residents in Jinsekikogen, working in manufacturing and social care. Hemanta is the first foreigner to work in agriculture. My wish is that he will take the lead in attracting more agricultural workers to the town.

I hope that Hemanta will be not simply a worker, but also a community leader for the next generation, as well as acting as a bridge between Japan and Nepal.

Project Coordinator, Overseas Agricultural Trainee Program
Makoto Yamauchi

Message

In 2023, I spent six months in Japan studying agricultural techniques. This time, my plan is to remain in Japan for several years to further develop my skills and abilities. My dream for the future is to one day start a small vegetable business together with Yamauchi-san.

Agricultural Trainee
Hemanta BK



Promotion of traditional Saga crafts

2015 to present



We support traditional artisans in Saga prefecture using money raised through the hometown tax (furusato nouzei) system. As well as promoting new products at a joint exhibition in Tokyo, we turned our expertise in supporting traditional crafts to help artisans from Noto Peninsula, exhibiting Wajima lacquerware and Suzu-yaki pottery for sale at the annual Arita Pottery Festival. This helped form a connection between the people of Kyushu and the Noto Peninsula.



Noto Peninsula earthquake charity event

We held a charity event in support of the Noto Peninsula at the Arita Pottery Festival, held in the town of Arita, Saga prefecture, between April 29th and May 5th 2024. We shared the voices of traditional artisans from Noto using display panels and video presentations. As well as selling handmade goods from the region, we also served coffee in Wajima-nuri lacquerware and Suzu-yaki pottery.

HOW TO SUPPORT



Support through

“Hometown Tax Donation”

Some of PWJ's operations, including Peace Wanko Japan, the Saga Traditional Crafts project and Disaster Emergency Assistance, can also be supported by Hometown taxation. For donations up to a certain amount, this amount less 2,000 yen will be deducted from your income and inhabitant taxes. For more information, please visit the “Furusato Choice” portal site.

Community Revitalization (Jinsekikogen, Hiroshima prefecture and Ama, Shimane prefecture)

2015 to present



In Hiroshima prefecture, we continued our support of the Jinsekikogen Tiergarten and the Jinsekikogen Community Creation Challenge Fund. Meanwhile, in Ama town, Shimane prefecture we are working towards setting up a new fund which will support initiatives to boost local industry and stimulate the community.

Retraining horses

2018 to present



We continued to retrain retired racehorses in collaboration with a partner organization in Fukushima prefecture. The horses are retrained for riding events and lessons, or for agricultural roles. Manure is recycled into fertilizer, and we also offer training opportunities for working with horses. Once again, our rescue horses participated in the local tradition of Soma nomaoi.

Contemporary art

2014 to present



Construction of our contemporary art gallery on Toyoshima in the Seto Inland Sea is now nearly complete. As part of our CCA Islands contemporary art project, we look forward to it becoming a place where art world figures can meet and collaborate amongst exhibits by Japanese and overseas artists.

Our Retrace project to record the lives of musicians in Okinawa's Yaeyama region has now published a book containing interviews with three folk musicians.

Community healthcare support

2015 to present



In Jinsekikogen town, home to the Peace Winds HQ, there is a chronic shortage of medical staff even though over half of the population is elderly. Maintaining healthcare provision for the community is becoming more difficult by the year. Peace Winds is working closely with the town to find solutions, and we currently contribute to community healthcare through three main initiatives.

Our three initiatives for “healthy living in Jinsekikogen”



Nurse Dispatch Program

We continue to provide doctors, nurses, and clinical admin staff to the local public hospital and rural clinic. We have obtained a license to operate an agency service in anticipation of expanding the scheme to other communities. Since December 2024, we have been providing six nurses to the hospital on a rotating basis. Until now, a lack of nurses has meant that in a sudden crisis, it may not be possible to adequately staff the hospital. The community has reacted favorably to the additional staffing.



Support for Community Nursing Organizations

We are helping a group of local nurses in Jinsekikogen to improve access to healthcare for elderly people in remote communities. The group provides a range of services that goes far beyond standard government provisions, including regular home welfare checks, and advice on health management. Listening closely to the needs of residents, the group is developing a new framework to ensure lifetime peace of mind in this rural community.



Health Promotion Activities

Twice a month, the elderly care research group runs a dementia prevention café at Jinsekikogen Senior Citizen Welfare Center. Our Peace Winds nurses also participate as members of the research group, whilst Dr. Inaba has been appointed by the local government to promote Advanced Care Planning (ACP). He has organized group events for local residents to encourage them to consider and plan for their own future medical and assistance needs.

Education and child support

2022 to present



Through exchange program placements, educational support, and opportunities for cross-cultural communication, we encourage children from difficult or impoverished backgrounds to look towards the future. We believe eliminating educational disparity is the key to nurturing future potential. We work particularly closely with children who have grown up in care and are now nearing independence, offering them hope for the future and the confidence to chase their dreams.



Opening up the future with our educational support program

Our Study in America program offers opportunities for children in care to study abroad, broadening their horizons and developing leadership skills. With a theme of “child advocacy”, participants are encouraged to express themselves and develop an interest in societal issues through public hearings and communication with local social impact organizations. We also run programs addressing poverty, educational disparity, and abuse to provide a brighter future for children from troubled backgrounds.



Success story: how a trip can change a life

One participant in our program had always lacked the confidence to share their dream of becoming a teacher at their children’s home. Taking part in our trip helped them to find their voice and form clear opinions, and ultimately they chose to go on to further education. Not only were they able to discover their dream, but they also matured into a leader prepared to help others and change the world around them. We will continue to offer our support to other children in the same position, helping them find their self-confidence and shape their own futures.

HOW TO SUPPORT

Support us from as little as 1,000 yen/month to help a child realize their full potential and open the door to a brighter future. With your help, we can nurture hope and expand the horizons of children in need.



**PEACE WINDS
GROUP**

**The World Needs
a Team That Never Backs Down.**



AMERICA

Peace Winds is building a new network of support that transcends national borders, with overseas operations in America, South Korea, and Taiwan.

These are more than simply subsidiaries. Sharing common ideals, we aim to tackle an ever more diverse range of social issues.

In a world plagued by conflict and disaster, we will truly become the “team that never backs down”.

Wherever there are people who want to make the world a better place, we will find them and work together to make sure support gets to where it is needed.

Peace Winds Taiwan

Peace Winds Taiwan, formally launched in February 2025, follows America and Korea to become our third overseas organization. Boasting members from backgrounds in medical and rescue settings, Peace Winds Taiwan is well-placed to continue our long-term support of the victims of the 2024 Hualien earthquake, as well as to meet whatever challenges are posed by future disasters and humanitarian crises.



Message

Combining medical expertise with passion

I have many years of experience in disaster medical care and humanitarian assistance in Taiwan. Through this, I have learnt the importance of not only medical treatment but also of building community resilience and raising disaster prevention awareness. By adding my passion and medical expertise to Peace Winds Japan's years of valuable insight, I hope to build Peace Winds Taiwan into a people-centered disaster response unit with a focus on disaster drills, recovery support, and international collaboration.



CEO,
Peace Winds Taiwan
Yawen Hsiao



PWA and PWJ staff members with the victim of the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

Peace Winds America

Peace Winds America works closely with Peace Winds Japan and Peace Winds Korea to respond to disasters and humanitarian crises around the world. Our headquarters are based in Washington D.C., where we are registered as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

Activities in FY2024



Presenting a Syrian refugee with a new wheelchair in Iraq

Under a US-Japan joint program, we continued to support Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, offering career training and tool loans to the 10,000 refugees living in the region, as well as helping improve accessibility for the disabled.

Thanks to the generous donations of American supporters, we were able to support Peace Winds Japan's disaster response efforts following the Noto Peninsula earthquake in Japan and the Hualien earthquake in Taiwan, as well as supporting activities in Myanmar, Haiti, Palau, and Maui. In January 2025, we dispatched a team in response to the Los Angeles wildfires.

Message

A sense of the deep connection between America and Japan

The past year has really driven home to me the deep connection between my colleagues in Japan and America, as well as the close social bonds between the two countries. 2024 started off with us devoting all of our efforts to the response to the Noto Peninsula earthquake. I must express my deep gratitude to all the Americans who donated to disaster recovery in Japan. At the other end of the year, our response to the Los Angeles wildfires was funded by donations from the people of Japan, which struck me as almost symbolic. Our government's sudden decision to cut funding for Official Development Assistance (ODA) has threatened the continuation of many of our programs, but thanks to our close ties with Peace Winds Japan, so far we have managed to ride out these turbulent times.

CEO, Peace Winds America

James Gannon





Peace Winds Korea

Peace Winds Korea is a nonprofit organization made up of likeminded citizens devoted to achieving a sustainable peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the greater Asia-Pacific region.

Since our founding in November 2020, we have provided humanitarian assistance in emergencies including natural disasters and infectious diseases, as well as promoting international communication, youth development, and peace-oriented education. As the bearers of the future, we consider the participation of the younger generations to be particularly important in learning to overcome divisions and coexist in harmony.

Activities in FY2024

Emergency support following flooding in central Korea



In July 2024, torrential rain resulted in severe damage across Korea.

Peace Winds Korea supported flooding victims in Seodaejeon, Nonsan, and Cheongju to help rebuild their lives. We distributed packages of daily essentials, as well as loaning out dehumidifiers and fans to help dry out inundated homes and prevent heatstroke. We also provided second-hand washing machines and refrigerators to the victims to assist them in getting their lives back on track.

Disaster survival education program



In the second half of 2024, Peace Winds Korea ran a disaster response education program, consisting of around 30 events held all over the country. The main themes included the fundamentals of evacuation in a disaster, raising awareness of the climate crisis and complex disasters, and using a sticker book to teach about survival kit preparation.

Our aim was to promote awareness that disasters are not a “far-away” problem, and to help participants develop the skills to react calmly and appropriately in a crisis.

Message

Part of a global humanitarian aid network

Peace Winds extends humanitarian assistance beyond borders and ideologies to bring hope to those who need it around the world. I am proud to work under the name of Peace Winds to protect the dignity of people who are suffering or in crisis.

Peace Winds Korea has its own role to play in building cooperation in global humanitarian aid distribution, not only in Asia but worldwide. I believe that all of the people on the planet have a shared connection, and at Peace Winds Korea we will work together to ensure that no one gets left behind.

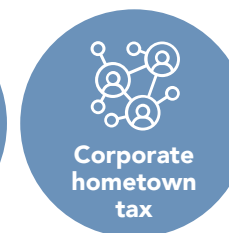
CEO, Peace Winds Korea

Lee Donghwan



CORPORATE COLLABORATION

Peace Winds has worked with companies and organizations of all fields and sizes in its work to address social issues inside and outside of Japan. Our specialist staff match the needs of companies that wish to make a contribution to society with the needs of our beneficiaries to help get support to where it can do the most good.



Dedicated web page:



Overseas Operations

LIXIL Corporation × Kenya

Creating sustainable impact

Since 2018, we have been working with LIXIL Corporation and UNICEF to improve sanitary conditions in the Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement in Turkana County. We have introduced the “SATO Pan simple toilet system” to prevent insect outbreaks and smells, as well as the “SATO Tap handwashing station”. We presented the results of this collaboration at the 2024 AidEx international humanitarian aid forum.



How we create value

INPUT

[Activities]

- Field assessment
- Support for setting up sanitation shops called "Duka-Safi"
- Sales support for SATO products in developing countries

OUTPUT

[Achievements]

- 12 Duka-Safi shops opened
- 4,550 total units sold (SATO Pans, Stools, and Taps)

OUTCOME

[Results]

- 120 trained refugees running Duka-Safi shops to improve sanitary conditions in camp
- 104,500 lives improved as a result

IMPACT

[What this means]

- Increase in the number of safe and hygienic toilets
- Better hygiene and health for refugee households
- Creation of sustainable framework for providing sanitation services in refugee camps

Panasonic Holdings Corporation × Palestine

Helping save lives in Gaza

Donations from the Panasonic Group, as well as cafeteria point donations from staff, have been put to good use in many disasters and conflicts. Overseas humanitarian crises are often harder to relate to than natural disasters within Japan, and sometimes struggle to attract donations. However, generous corporate donations toward our ongoing work to support the victims of the Gaza conflict have enabled us to respond flexibly to the ever-changing situation. Our emergency distribution of food and daily essentials has helped the people of Gaza to survive.



Peace Wanko Japan

NSW Inc.

Zero euthanasia campaign resonates with employees

When discussing ways to expand their social impact, employees of NSW Inc. chose shelter dogs as an issue close to their hearts, as a result of which the company made a kind donation to the Peace Wanko Japan project. We were chosen from a list of several candidates due to being the largest project of its kind in Japan, and our goal of achieving zero dog euthanasia in Japan.



Education and Child Support

Suntory Holdings Ltd.

Watching the project and the children develop with the help of corporate hometown tax

As part of their empowerment project for the next generation entitled “Your unknown potential” (Kimi wa michisuu), Suntory support our Study in America program through the corporate hometown tax system, giving children living on remote islands or in care homes the opportunity to travel overseas. Suntory has been an active partner of this project, participating in post-return debriefing events.



Disaster Relief Operation

Dell Technologies Inc.**Global Matching Donation Program Activated in Response to Major Disasters**

Dell Technologies Inc. use their position as a global technology company to solicit staff donations internationally as soon as they receive disaster information from Peace Winds. The company matched the total value of staff donations following the Noto Peninsula earthquake and Oku Noto flooding in 2024. The company now uses the same donation strategy after every major disaster as part of their proactive social responsibility program.

**Seven & i Holdings Co., Ltd.****The Seven Mile Program makes support second nature**

The ARROWS can now be selected as donation recipients on the Seven Mile Program, which allows customer to accumulate miles when shopping. It was also possible to donate to the emergency relief efforts following the Oku Noto flooding and the Taiwan earthquake. Users appreciate the speed with which their generous donations can be turned into real support on the ground.



Introducing the new ARROWS Corporate Monthly Supporter program

In Summer 2024, we launched the ARROWS Corporate Monthly Supporter program to create new partnerships that support our emergency disaster relief operations. As a private sector organization, maintaining a constant state of preparedness to respond to a disaster that could strike at any time, as well as training and equipping our staff, requires ongoing financial resources. Monthly donations are put toward organizing drills and building up an effective organization ready to swing into action with specialist skills. We look forward to the support of companies and organizations that share our vision of disaster relief that maximizes the power of private enterprise.



Our Corporate Supporters

Hosokawa Yoko Co., Ltd.**Our first Corporate Monthly Supporter:
“We want to do whatever we can to help!”**

Inspired by our message that financial support, which can be used flexibly to adapt to the changing needs of the moment, is our most valuable resource, Hosokawa Yoko Co., Ltd. came on board as our first corporate sponsor following the Noto Peninsula earthquake. They say that they are glad to be able to offer such support.

**Asahi Facilities Inc.****Finding ways to cooperate more closely
with an expert in-house disaster relief team**

Asahi Facilities Inc. are a building management company within the Takenaka Group. They have assembled their own in-house disaster relief expert team who are planning their natural disaster strategy in earnest. On registering as a corporate supporter, the company management have made great efforts to learn more about ARROWS and their operations. We are currently in discussions with a view to cooperating more closely in future disaster response efforts.

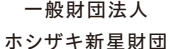
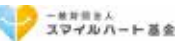
**Zensho Holdings****Trust built through working together
after the Noto Peninsula earthquake**

Zensho Holdings have supported us for many years in a wide range of operations including disaster relief, international humanitarian action, and fair trade. After working together in the Noto Peninsula in the aftermath of the earthquake, they have now joined us as a corporate supporter. They decided to offer their support in anticipation of future disasters after coming to regard us as effective and trustworthy partners in a crisis.

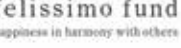


Support from companies and organizations

Peace Winds considers companies and organizations to be important partners and actively collaborates with them. In FY2024, we received support from over 1,000 corporations. In addition to financial contributions, we also accepted donations of supplies and volunteer time.

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Media Appearances

At Peace Winds, we understand the importance of promoting our work to as wide an audience as possible.

As well as numerous appearances in conventional media, we proactively share material via YouTube and other social networks.



Television

2024

February 8	Television Shin-Hiroshima System	“We’re going to get her out alive!” 93-year-old woman rescued from collapsed house after 124 hours. Hiroshima doctor describes the scene of the Noto Peninsula earthquake
February 19	NHK	Close-up Gendai: Your money can change society – the rise of “legacy giving”
April 4	Hiroshima Home Television	First flight reaches Taipei after earthquake – Hiroshima-based NPO joins rescue effort
June 17	NHK World	Direct Talk: Saving as Many Lives as Possible: Inaba Mototaka / Medical Doctor, Project Leader of ARROWS
September 7	Dutch public broadcasting system	Zo bereiden Japanners zich voor op een mega-aardbeving (How the Japanese are preparing for a mega-earthquake)
October 2	NHK	Newswatch 9: The tough evacuee life of the victims of “dual disasters”

Newspapers / Magazines / Web media

2024

March 15	Asahi Shimbun Digital	Onishi of Peace Winds Japan and three others appointed Japan Association of Corporate Executives deputy secretary, an NPO first
March 18	Nihon Keizai Shimbun	Learning from missed opportunities after Great East Japan Earthquake, ARROWS rush to the scene of disaster
March 28	Asahi Shimbun	Profile: Shoko Hashimoto – NGO site leader continues support work in Noto Peninsula earthquake zone
June 27	Mainichi Shimbun	Sleeping on a leaky porch: Stay-home evacuees struggle after Noto earthquake
June 28	Asahi Shimbun	Profile: Kensuke Onishi – NPO leader appointed deputy secretary of Japan Association of Corporate Executives
October 24	Forbes JAPAN	50 NPOs in the spotlight: New player making waves in Japanese society – “All-citizen collective impact” to build disaster relief platform

2025

January 12	Chugoku Shimbun Digital	Prisoner rehabilitation through shelter dogs: New scheme launched in Onomichi and Matsue prisons in collaboration with NPO
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Radio

2024

April 30	TBS Radio: Chiki Ogiue Session	What can we do to fight growing famine in Gaza?
September 5	TBS Radio: Chiki Ogiue Session	Eight months on from Noto Peninsula earthquake – recovery and challenges

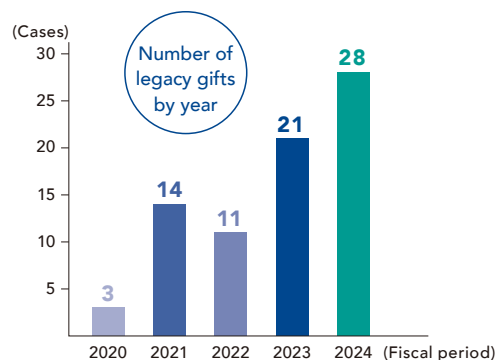
...and much more

A growing source of support for our operations.

Legacy Gift

A legacy gift is a donation of all or part of one's estate to charitable or other activities. Examples of where the money is used include equipping and training our emergency medical support team, and new dog and cat rescue initiatives.

In the past financial year, we received 1.5 times as many enquiries as in the previous year. In response to the growing level of interest, we held seminars on the topic, as well as publishing our "My WILL" newsletter and promoting end-of-life planning.



Our "My WILL" newsletter will provide regular updates with staff interviews and helpful information for those considering a legacy gift.



Manager Harita appeared in a special feature in AERA magazine, as well as speaking at a legacy gift seminar run by a newspaper company.

Voice The legacy of my father is helping the victims of war

My Legacy Gift was made from the estate left to me by my father, who wanted to support Ukrainian refugees. My father experienced the horrors of war first hand in his youth, and requested that we make a donation to help the victims of conflict after his death. Happily, with this program I was able to carry out his wishes. I know my father would be happy to know that his legacy is providing solace to others.

You're in safe hands

Our representatives are qualified scriveners trained in ethical practice. We work in partnership with the financial organizations listed below.



Staff introduction

Our experienced staff are here to help.



Harita

Manager
Ready to answer
your questions.



Isono

Feel free to ask
me anything!



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FINANCIAL REPORT

In FY2024, ordinary income totalled 6.85 billion yen, a 5% decrease on the previous year's 7.19 billion yen. Although income from donations, membership fees, and operating revenue showed strong growth, increasing by 18% compared to the previous year, a significant reduction of 25% in funding and grant income resulted in the overall drop.

Taking a closer look, membership fee income grew strongly, by 17% on the previous year, thanks to a solid increase in our membership numbers from 71,630 to 81,168 over the course of the year. Targeted donations were also up 31% year-on-year, again a significant increase. In particular, the Wanko Japan project, our Noto Peninsula operations (earthquake and flooding relief), the ARROWS, and Taiwan operations attracted generous support, with donations reaching a total of 1.67 billion yen. Our operating revenue benefited from increased income from our fairtrade program and outsourcing work commissions. In FY2025 we expect to see further income growth from outsourcing commissions and staff dispatch agency operations.

On the other hand, our income from funding and grants was down by 23%. In the previous FY, an additional budget to fund our work in Ukraine enabled a 1.2 billion yen operation which pushed up our overall income figures, whereas our Ukraine operations were scaled back in FY2024. Our main grant-funded operations in FY2024 were in Kenya (900 million yen), Iraq (490 million yen), and Myanmar (250 million yen). A concern for FY2025 is the reduction in overseas funding announced by the U.S.A. in January 2025.

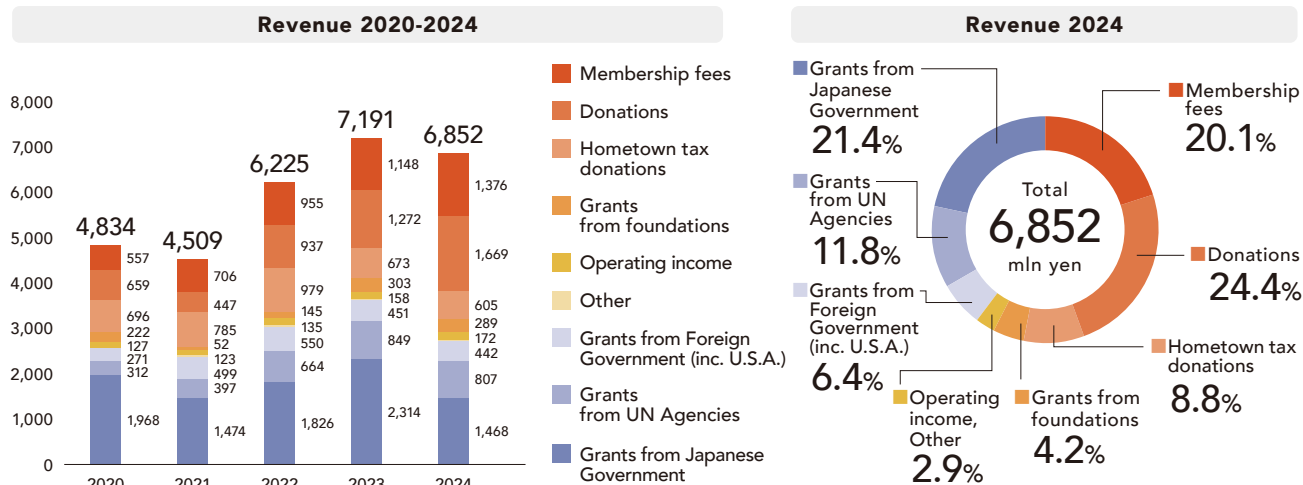
Whilst there are grounds for optimism in our increased membership numbers and donations, at the same time we are facing a reduction in grant income, which is easily affected by external factors. We will have to balance these positives and negatives in our future operation strategy.

Ordinary expenditure decreased by 4.5% on the previous FY, at 6.85 billion yen. In addition to relief activities commensurate with our income, we are also focusing on strengthening our emergency relief logistics network and setting up local bases in preparation for future disasters.

A portion of the income we have received through grants and funding, membership fees, donations, and hometown tax will be carried over for use in our activities in the next FY and beyond.

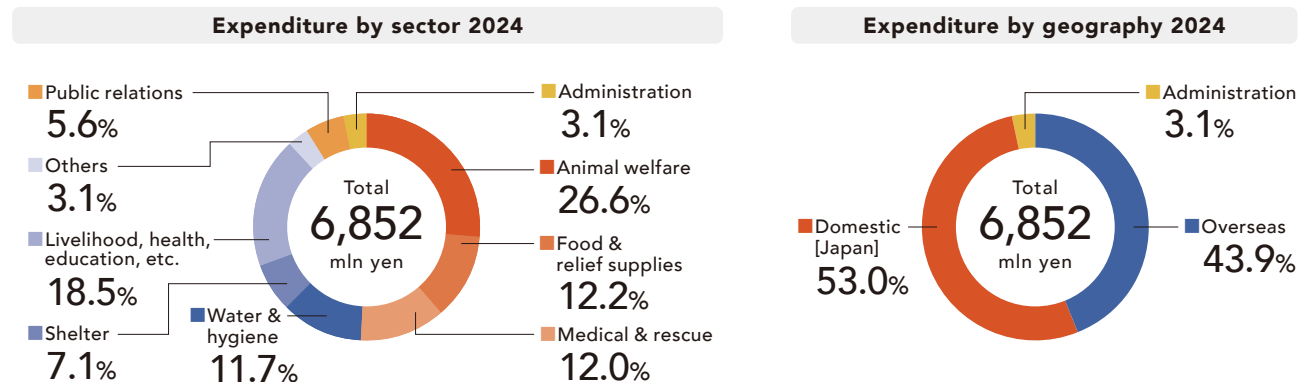
Changes and Breakdown of Ordinary Income

In FY2024, the proportion of income from grants was 43.9% (-10.6% compared to the previous year), whereas the combined income from donations, membership fees, and hometown tax payments was 53.3% (+10.2% compared to the previous year).



Breakdown of Ordinary Expenditure

When ordinary expenditure in FY2024 is broken down by sector, the first place goes to our domestic dog rescue project at 26.6% (+2.5% compared to the previous year); the second place goes to support for food and relief supply distribution at 12.2% (unchanged from previous year); and the third place goes to medical and rescue support at 12.0% (+3.0% compared to the previous year). The ratio of overseas to domestic operations is 43.9% (-10.2% compared to the previous year) for overseas operations and 53.0% (+9.8% compared to the previous year) for domestic operations, such that expenditure on domestic operations overtook that on overseas operations.



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26th Fiscal Period Statement of Balance Sheet As of 31 January 2025

Assets		
Item	Amount (JPY)	
I Assets		
1. Current Assets		
Cash	886,890,033	
Cash Abroad	514,490,480	
Accounts Receivable	11,557,397	
Goods for Sale	39,464,076	
Supplies	56,329,036	
Accounts Receivable	154,780,205	
Accrued Income	4,649,348	
Advances Payment	1,463,361	
Advances Paid	20,252,980	
Prepaid Expenses	19,064,640	
Suspense Payment	264,632,101	
Accrued Subsidies, etc.	55,763,149	
Savings	5,096,530	
Total Current Assets		2,034,433,336
2. Fixed Assets		
Buildings	318,276,569	
Building-Attached Facilities	117,008,632	
Structures	97,172,579	
Automotive Equipment	5,956,705	
Tools, Furniture, and Fixtures	74,499,111	
Machinery and Equipment	5,041,890	
Ship	32,574,503	
Living Assets	262,506	
Land	32,914,038	
Artworks	559,139,021	
Books	12,685,468	
Lease Assets	53,883,060	
Construction in Progress	201,665,346	
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	1,511,079,428	
Telephone Rights	385,392	
Trademarks	157,390	
Water Facility Usage Rights	149,384	
Leasehold Rights	2,164,500	
Software	2,081,086	
Total Intangible Fixed Assets	4,937,752	
Stocks in Subsidiary	5,594,700	
Investment Securities	48,425,600	
Long-Term Deposit	93,271,852	
Long-Term Prepaid Expenses	3,714,584	
Rental Security Deposits	35,840,818	
Insurance Reserve Fund	10,926,300	
Total Investment and Other Assets	197,773,854	
Total Fixed Assets		1,713,791,034
Total Assets		3,748,224,370

Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities and Net Assets		Amount (JPY)
II Liabilities		
1. Current Liabilities	Suspense Receipts	9,934,179
	Accounts Payable	497,599,756
	Accrued Expenses	2,316,769
	Withholdings	16,933,227
	Deferred Revenue	1,018,128
	Short-Term Loans Payable	300,000,000
	Long-Term Loans Payable within 1 Year Repayment Plan	194,880,000
	Subsidies Received	643,787,684
	Income Taxes Payable	1,157,300
	Accrued Consumption Tax	3,818,200
Total Current Liabilities		1,671,445,243
2. Fixed Liabilities	Reserve for Retirement Allowances	73,013,522
	Lease Obligations	55,832,040
	Long-Term Loans Payable	1,314,987,000
	Long-Term Unearned Revenue	47,517
Total Fixed Liabilities		1,443,880,079
Total Liabilities		3,115,325,322
III Net Assets		
	Net Amount Brought Forward	689,564,580
	Change in Current Net Assets	▲56,665,532
	Net Assets	632,899,048
Total Net Assets		632,899,048
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		3,748,224,370

Peace Winds Japan is audited by Mikio Aoki CPA Office.

The full versions of our FY2024 financial statements are available on the website via the URL or QR code provided.

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Organization Profile

- Name : Peace Winds Japan ■Established : February 1996 ■Registered : October 1999
- Staff : 621 staff in total (311 in Japan; 310 overseas) ■Chairperson/CEO : Kensuke Onishi
- Board members : Hiroaki Ishii, Megumi Kuwana, Kenji Shibuya, Toshiko Miyake, Rika Yamamoto
- Auditor : Koichi Kawai (as of end-January 2025)

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Tax Deduction

Peace Winds Japan is certified by Hiroshima Prefecture as a non-profit organization (in other words, Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation). This means that donations to Peace Winds Japan are tax deductible. (Regular membership dues are not eligible).

Your donations will be used carefully

Your donations will be used carefully to help people in need around the world. Peace Winds Japan's rules for handling donations can be found on the website.

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